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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dan I. Davidson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 15 is drawn to “a set of instructions” residing in a storage medium, but does not provide that the set of instructions are embodied in computer readable media and as such is non-statutory subject matter. Only data structures claimed as *embodied in computer readable media* are statutory. See, e.g., *Warmerdam*, 33 F.3d at 1361, 31 USPQ2d at 1760.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 15; the language “capable of” in line 1 of the claim is indefinite. The claim does not make clear that the processor *is* executing the set of instructions.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-14 are allowed over the prior art of record.

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Re claim 1; the prior art of record, and in particular Kasajima et al (US 6,801,377 B2), fails to teach or suggest applying a first oscillating voltage at a first frequency to the micro-actuator while reading back a first signal from the two concentric tracks; and calculating a first stroke characteristic of the micro-actuator based in part on the first signal.

Re claim 10; the prior art of record, and in particular Kasajima et al (US 6,801,377 B2), fails to teach or suggest a tester to apply a first oscillating voltage at a first frequency to the micro-actuator while reading back a first signal from the two concentric tracks.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kasajima et al (US 6,801,377 B2) teach methods of testing a displacement performance (i.e. stroke) of a precise positioning actuator (i.e. microactuator). They disclose measuring stroke using a laser Doppler vibration meter. They further disclose measuring a quasi-static stroke through writing two concentric test tracks, placing the microactuator between the tracks, and displacing the actuator during read using positive

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and negative maximum DC voltages. Finally, they disclose a method of measuring stroke by applying an AC drive signal while writing a track to displace the microactuator.


Cheng et al (US 2003/0103284 A1) also teach methods of testing performance of a microactuator.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan I. Davidson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7552. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R. Hudspeth, can be reached on (571) 272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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